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Thank you for your leadership and professional attitude toward the transportation needs of our community. I am pleased I could be a part for my term.

You may not be aware I have been a highway contractor, served on Governor Mel Carnahan's Total Transportation Commission (one of 35) and on the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee. Transportation is close to my heart!

Chuck Branch will be a good member, his knowledge of the community, zoning and planning and the media will be a good addition to OTO.

I will look forward to other opportunities to serve our community.

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November 7, 2018

Mr. Dan Smith, P.E.
Chairman, Ozarks Transportation Organization Board of Directors
2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101
Springfield, MO 65807

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your letter dated October 10, 2018 regarding pedestrian accommodations on roadway expansion projects.

We agree that pedestrian accommodations are a vital part of an urban transportation system, and the mode of travel must be taken into account on all projects in the region. MoDOT is on track to bring all state-owned sidewalks into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act by 2027, as demonstrated by the significant investment in these upgrades.

MoDOT in the OTO region functions very similar to other TMA (Transportation Management Area) regions of the state, in that we work with local partners to develop ways to deliver projects with as many pedestrian facilities as funding allows. Many times this includes State funds being used for right-of-way purchases, grading and pedestrian features at signalized intersections. This usually leaves the sidewalk surface as a partnership opportunity in which we encourage local agencies to participate.

Your letter requested that a methodology be established to evaluate the need for pedestrian facilities on roadway expansion projects. We would be happy to work with OTO to further develop a formalized process, in order to ensure communities are fully aware of the partnership opportunities to deliver additional pedestrian facilities in their areas.

We appreciate the close working relationship that we have with the Ozarks Transportation Organization and its member jurisdictions. We look forward to continuing our joint efforts to improve transportation in the Springfield region.

Sincerely,



Travis Koestner, P.E.
District Engineer



Our mission is to provide a world-class transportation experience that delights our customers and promotes a prosperous Missouri.

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Comment Comment

From: Natasha Longpine
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 4:10 PM
To: delawareneighborhood@gmail.com
Cc: Comment Comment
Subject: GiveUsYourInput.com Comment

Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your feedback on transportation concerns in the region. We will be sharing your comments with our Board of Directors and with the Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee. We have shared your comments directly with the City of Springfield and MoDOT, and they have provided feedback as well.

MoDOT stated that their emphasis right now is bringing existing sidewalk into ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance. The upgrade of existing sidewalk to comply with the ADA on Glenstone and Sunshine east of Glenstone will occur tentatively in the 2021 to 2023 timeframe. This will address existing sidewalk locations, but won't add much new sidewalk, such as on the west side of Glenstone. It will, however, include some of the driveway crossings. MoDOT asked if you have any specific locations where the sidewalk is broken up. I would gladly share those details with them.

The City of Springfield asked that we share this response from them:

Thank you for your involvement in the public comment period for the upcoming TIP funding. Sunshine Street west of Glenstone Avenue is under City of Springfield jurisdiction. We have received requests in the past for sidewalk along Sunshine Street, and have therefore, identified this on our unfunded needs list. Some of the issues we have ran into, when looking to construct sidewalk along either side of Sunshine, include (but are not limited to), limited right-of-way, driveway conflict points, parking abutting the edge of right-of-way, and funding. Some of these constraints have made it difficult for us to construct sidewalk along this segment of Sunshine, but we continue to seek the funding needed to accomplish this project. In the meantime, there are numerous (re)developments that have occurred along this stretch of Sunshine, which (per City Code) are required to construct sidewalk along their property frontage (hence, the random segments of sidewalk along Sunshine). This will continue to be a requirement for (re)development, and will allow for us to more easily fill these gaps in the future.

As for Glenstone Avenue – this street falls under MODOT's jurisdiction, and will defer questions/concerns regarding Glenstone to MODOT.

If you have further questions, please feel free to give us a call at (417) 864-1971 or shoot us an email at destell@springfieldmo.gov.

Kind regards,

City of Springfield – Public Works: Traffic Operations

Thank you again for providing your comments. I will forward your specific location concerns to MoDOT if you have those details. Please let us know if you have any further questions regarding this or any other transportation concerns.

Thank you,

Natasha L. Longpine, AICP
Principal Planner

Map It comments 12/1/2018 – 12/19/2018

Name: Andre Illig

Date: 12/4/2018

Location: 420 E. Plainview, Springfield, MO

“Add sidewalk from Campbell to Cherokee on North Side of Plainview - for student safety.”

Name: Andre Illig

Date: 12/4/2018

Location: 420 E. Plainview, Springfield, MO

“add right turn lane into Cherokee Middle School on Plainview - from SOUTH HOLLAND till Cherokee entrance.”

Name: Andre Illig

Date: 12/4/2018

Location: 420 E Plainview & S Elmira , Springfield, MO

“Add Smart Crosswalk™ flashing pedestrian in-roadway warning lights, illuminated warning signs across Plainview. <https://www.lightguardsystems.com/>”

Name: Matthew Venaas

Date: 12/5/2018

Location: Northbound Route 65 at Interstate 44

“Far right lane gets really congested as the majority of traffic tries to get into one lane to get on to 44 while at the same time the far left lane ends. Is there a way to consider re-striping so the right through lane of 65 is exit only also?”

Name: Matthew Venaas

Date: 12/5/2018

Location: Glenstone and Evergreen

“Dangerous pedestrian conditions. Connect sidewalk on east side of Glenstone with sidewalk on Kerr through Holiday Inn Express? Also crosswalk on south side of intersection across Glenstone would help. Pretty sure pedestrian killed there this year.”